continued International Development Agency assistance to India during his recent visit to that country;

(b) whether it is a fact that India's share of International Development Agency has shrunk from 40 per cent to 22 per cent; and

(c) if so, what steps are being taken by Government to ensure that India's share of International Development Agency does not go below 22 per cent in view of the absolute poverty conditions prevailing in large parts of the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHAN POOJARI): (a) In his discussions with US authorities, the Minister of External Affairs has stressed India's continued need for concessional assistance from IDA.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) India is engaged in a dialogue with the USA and other donor countries who are at present negotiating the size and criteria for allocation of IDA-8, which will be effective from 1st July, 1987.

Implementation of 20-Point Programme

†2195. SHRI S. W. DHABE: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) what progress has been made in the implementation of minimum wages for rural labourers under the 20-Point Programme during the years 1983-84 and 1984-85 in various States;

(b) whether any study has been made regarding the implementation of minimum wages; and

(c) what are the main reasons for its tardy implementation?

†Previously Unstarred Question 1860, transferred from the 13th March, 1986.

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI P. A. SANGMA): (a) According to available information all the State Governments/Union Territory Administrations which have fixed minimum wages in respect of agricultural labourers under the Act have revised the minimum wages in respect of agricultural workers at least once since 1980. In some States/Union Territories, minimum wages have been revised more then once during this period. The Central Government has revised the minimum wages in respect of agricultural labourers on 5 occasions since 1980. The last revision was made on the 12th February, 1985.

(b) The Labour Bureau has made evaluation studies on minimum wages in respect of Bihar, Gujarat, Rajasthan and Karnataka.

(c) The Studies reveal that ignorance of employers and labourers about the Minimum Wages Act, 1948, lack of security and facilities to the enforcement machinery, shortage of inspecting staff and lack of co-operation both from the employers as well as labourers to the inspecting staff in rural areas are some of the causes which hamper the progress of implementation.

2196. [*Transferred to the 19th March, 1986*].

Nationalisation of Sree Durga Cotton Spinning and Weaving Mills, Konnagar West Bengal

2197. SHRI NEPALDEV BHATTACHARJEE: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration for nationalising the Sree Durga Cotton Spinning and Weaving Mills, Konnagar, West Bengal; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI KHURSHID ALAM KHAN): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Apparel Export Promotion Council

2198. SHRI BIR BHADRA PRATAP SINGH: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that four senior officers are nominated by Government to the Executive Committee of the Apparel Export Promotion Council, New Delhi, and this Council enjoys Government patronage and powers under the Import-Export Policy, levies fines and penalties, grants garment export quotas, etc.;

(b) whether Government are aware that the Company Law Board has revoked Section 25 and that the Council has filed a Civil Writ Petition in the Delhi High Court against Government; and

(c) what action the four Government officers now propose to take with regard to the Civil Writ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI KHURSHID ALAM KHAN): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir.

(c) No action is called for at this stage as the Apparel Export Promotion Council has obtained stay order from Delhi High Court against the order of the Company Law Board.

India's Exports

2199. DR. MOHD. HASHIM KIDWAI: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) what was the share percentage of India in world exports from January 1985 to January 1986 and what are the comparative figures for the years 1983 and 1984; and

(b) what measures government have taken to increase the percentage?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI P. SHIV SHANKER): (a) The share percentage of India in world export from January 1985 to January 1986 is not available. However, according to the latest available Monthly Bulletin of statistics, UN (Dec. 1985), India's share in world exports during 1983 and 1984 works out to 0.48 per cent and 0.45 per cent respectively.

(b) Increasing our exports, diversifying our productive base, modernising our productive apparatus are some of the steps taken by the Government. Modification and periodic revision of our industrial and fiscal policies are also the additional steps taken from time to time.

News-item captioned "Purchase of Flats by FIEO-Punj may be asked to Explain"

2200. SHRI GULAM MOHI-UD-DIN SHAWL: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news-item captioned "Purchase of flats by FIEO-Punj may be asked to explain" which appeared in the 'Economic Times' of 23rd February, 1986;

(b) if so, what is Government's reaction thereto; and

(c) what is the role of Government officers nominated or coopted to the Executive Committee of the Federation of Indian Export Organisations?